

# CITY OF WICHITA MASSAGE THERAPIST INFORMATION SHEET

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## BASIS

**Massage Therapist** means any person who administers massage therapy.

Section 3.55.210 provides that ALL massage businesses and massage therapists currently operating within the City of Wichita must apply for a license and/or permit within 120 days of the effective date of the ordinance.

## Exceptions

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following:

- (1) Persons holding an unrevoked license or certificate to practice any of the healing arts under the laws of the state of Kansas; persons licensed under the laws of this state to practice any of the following: podiatry, as a physical therapist, as a professional nurse or as a practical nurse while such persons are engaged in their licensed practice; and all persons working under the supervision and control of such licensed persons while engaged in their licensed practice;
- (2) any medical care facility as defined and licensed under the laws of this state applicable to such medical care facility or persons employed thereby, while engaged in their usual duties for such medical care facility;
- (3) any adult care home as defined and licensed under the laws of this state applicable to such adult care home or persons employed thereby, while engaged in their usual duties for such adult care home;
- (4) any person engaged in barbering or in the practice of cosmetology or apprentice while carrying out their particular profession or business and holding a valid, unrevoked license or certificate of registration issued under the laws of this state applicable to such barbering or cosmetology practice;
- (5) employees of schools supported primarily by taxation, of schools exempt from payment of property taxes, and of "proprietary schools," approved by the Kansas Board of Regents while engaged in their usual duties for the school;
- (6) any person providing massage therapy to a person related to them by blood or marriage when there is no charge for such massage therapy;
- (7) massage therapy students enrolled in a proprietary school approved by the Kansas Board of Regents while under the direct supervision of a licensed massage therapist; or
- (8) A trainer of any duly constituted athletic team while in the normal course of his or her duties."

## LEGAL

### REFERENCE

Chapter 3.55, Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas.

### REGULATIONS

The applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

The applicant must not, within five years immediately preceding the date of the filing of the application, have been convicted in any jurisdiction of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude as defined in this chapter. For the purposes of this section the term "conviction" shall include being placed on diversion, entering into a deferred judgment program, or being adjudged guilty upon entering a plea of no contest;

The applicant must not be currently under indictment, charged or information for any felony or any crime of moral turpitude.

The applicant must not be a registered sex offender with any federal, state or local government.

Applicant will be issued a photo ID card. Pictures will be taken at the License Office at City Hall.

### Education Requirements

The applicant must provide one of the following:

Proof the applicant has sat for and passed the Massage and Bodywork Licensure exam (MBLEx); or

Proof the applicant has sat for and passed the National Certificate of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork exam (NCTMB) prior to February 1, 2015; or

An official transcript showing the applicant has successfully completed a minimum of five hundred (500) instructor taught classroom hours within a recognized massage therapist school; or

Proof of one hundred fifty (150) hours of education from an accredited institution, at least twelve (12) hours of continuing education units in the last five (5) years, and membership in a nationally recognized massage therapy association.

#### **Existing Massage Practitioners**

For a period of one (1) year after the effective date of this Chapter, an applicant may obtain a renewable permit to provide services as a massage therapist by meeting the following standards:

The applicant meets one of the following requirements:

The applicant has completed a minimum of five hundred (500) hours of instruction relating to massage therapy at a massage school or comparable legal authority in another state verified by affidavit; or

The applicant has completed at least three hundred (300) hours of training in massage therapy during the past three (3) years; or

The applicant has practiced for at least ten (10) hours per week for five (5) years verified by affidavit and at least one additional form of documentation including, but not limited to tax returns, gross tax receipts, business advertising literature or monthly client receipts; or

The applicant has successfully passed a nationally recognized certification examination provided by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.”

#### **Non-transferable.**

#### **ENFORCING AUTHORITY**

Wichita Police Department Administration, Records and Vice Sections; Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department; Fire Department

#### **FEES**

2 Year License.....	\$75.00
Replacement of photo ID card.....	\$5.00

Due every two years from date of issuance. Allow 30 days for approval.